

Did you know? In the United States, one person dies every 19 minutes from a prescription drug overdose. In 2009, more New Hampshire residents died from prescription drug abuse than in car crashes. Abuse of prescription drugs is the fastest-growing drug problem in the United States and in the Greater Sullivan County community, and 16% of Sullivan County high school students report using a prescription drug without a doctor's permission at least once.

As law enforcement professionals, we are seeing the effects of this epidemic every day. Individual lives and families can be destroyed by this epidemic. That's why we're asking you to help us reduce the risk of prescription drug abuse in your homes and neighborhoods.

- In New Hampshire, one of the most common sources of prescription drugs on the street are thefts from legitimately prescribed patients. Always keep your prescription drugs securely stored. Your medicine cabinet may not be the best choice; consider other secure locations in your house, such as a home safe.
- Use the upcoming take-back day, Saturday, April 28 from 10 am – 2 pm to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs safely, with no questions asked. We will be collecting at the Police Station on the north end of Main Street.
- Be a good role model for the children in your life. Talk with them about the risks of misusing prescription drugs. Never refer to medicine as 'candy' and keep it stored away from food.

The full list of Sullivan County Take-Back locations:

- Charlestown Police Department, 2 Claremont Road, Charlestown
- Claremont Savings Bank, 145 Broad Street, Claremont
- Grantham Police Department, 300 Route 10 South, Grantham
- Sullivan County Commissioner's Office, 14 Main Street, Newport
- Sunapee Police Department, 9 Sargent Road, Sunapee
- Washington Police Department, 5 Halfmoon Pond Road, Washington